



The Old Ironsides Report



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Soldiers, Iraqis work together to improve quality of life

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BAGHDAD, Iraq - - All over Baghdad and Iraq, U.S. soldiers and Iraqi citizens are working hand-in-hand to improve the quality of life for the community.

But at the presidential palace compound in Baghdad where the Coalition Provision Authority is based, U.S. soldiers and Iraqis are working together to provide the soldiers with a place to kick back and relax for a few days.

From swimming pools to workout equipment, a movie theater, live music, and other leisure activities, Missouri Army National Guard soldiers from the 203rd Engineer Battalion, headquartered in Joplin, Mo., are working with Iraqis to rebuild, refurbish and repair facilities once used by Baath Party members and Saddam Hussein's special security forces.

The facility, called "Freedom Rest," will be a mini-resort for Coalition Joint Task Force-7 and 1st Armored Division soldiers to use for rest and relaxation, according to Sgt. Maj. Edward Faust, 1st Armored Division's personnel and Morale, Welfare and Recreation sergeant major.

Freedom Rest is unique because it is located in a compound once used by Saddam Hussein, his sons and high-ranking members of his regime.

Some of the Iraqi men now working with the soldiers from the 203rd Engineer Battalion, are former employees of the same facilities—engineers and contractors who maintained the facilities under the former regime.

They have the knowledge and expertise to help the engineers make the facilities useful to coalition soldiers, said to Capt. Stuart Luttrell, intelligence officer, 203rd Engineer Battalion.

The engineer soldiers have even found that they have a lot to learn from the Iraqi contractors, Luttrell said.

"Because they used to work here, they have the skills to rebuild and maintain the facilities," he said.

In all, the relationship between the Iraqi workers and the soldiers has proven to be a positive experience for everyone.

"This is uplifting for both the Iraqis and for our soldiers," Faust said. "We talk about our families, lives and what we would like to see happen in Iraq."



Capt. Stuart Luttrell, intelligence officer, 203rd Engineer Battalion, looks for a place to secure a pulley. He and his soldiers are repairing the water system at Freedom Rest, which will be a rest and recuperation facility for coalition soldiers, in Baghdad Oct. 12.

Perhaps the most positive experience is that myths have been dispelled for both the U.S. soldiers and the Iraqis.

"I think that you'll find in any nation, people are people," Faust said. "We all have family and friends who are most important to us. I think we've come together with a great understanding of each other."

NEWS

Sniper Suspect Muhammad Pleads Innocent

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) - John Allen Muhammad entered innocent pleas Tuesday as the death-penalty trial of the sniper suspect got under way a year after a series of deadly shootings terrified the Washington area. Muhammad, 42, pleaded innocent to capital murder and firearms charges. He initially remained silent when asked a routine question by Circuit Judge LeRoy F. Millette Jr., but later answered after whispering with an attorney.

Supreme Court to Decide Pledge Case

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court said Tuesday it will decide whether the Pledge of Allegiance recited by generations of American schoolchildren is an unconstitutional blending of church and state. The case sets up an emotional showdown over God in the public schools and in public life. It will settle whether the phrase "one nation under God" will remain a part of the patriotic oath as it is recited in most classrooms.

Supreme Court Clears Way for Medical Pot

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court cleared the way Tuesday for state laws allowing ill patients to smoke marijuana if a doctor recommends it. Justices turned down the Bush administration's request to consider whether the federal government can punish doctors for recommending or perhaps just talking about the benefits of the drug to sick patients. An appeals court said the government cannot.

Businessman Takes Office in Liberia

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) - Businessman Gyude Bryant was sworn in Tuesday as leader of Liberia's post-war government, taking up a 2-year term meant to guide the devastated country into peace after 14 years of bloodletting by ousted warlord Charles Taylor. Bryan, 54, took an oath as chairman - not president - of the transitional power-sharing government, pledging to lift Liberia from a "state of despair."

SAFETY TIP **Mounted Roving Patrol**

Ensure each soldier is briefed on the mission and use risk management process to reduce mission hazards.

- Conduct mission brief
- Conduct rollover battle drills
- Senior occupant enforce standards for safe vehicle operation

SPORTS

Lawyer Calls Jurors'Cave Dwellers'

PIKEVILLE, Ky. (AP) -- A federal prosecutor in a high-profile vote fraud trial has struck a nerve with eastern Kentucky residents by describing some potential jurors in the mountain region as "illiterate cave dwellers."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth Taylor made the remark in his effort to persuade a judge not to move the trial of former state Sen. John Doug Hays and several of his supporters back to Pikeville from London, about 90 miles west.

Pretrial publicity has been so rampant in the region, Taylor said, that many potential jurors in the Pikeville area would have to be disqualified because they have formed opinions. "All that would remain to try the case would be illiterate cave dwellers."

Residents of the mountain region have long been sensitive to anything that smacks of the old hillbilly stereotype. And the furor that erupted last year over the planned CBS reality series "The Real Beverly Hillbillies" has made some even more vigilant.

"When you say something like this among your buddies at the country club, it's one thing. But when you go out in public and make this kind of statement, you've got to be stone-cold stupid," said Dee Davis, president of the Center for Rural Strategies, a group that has led the fight against such stereotypes.

Chaplain's Thought for the Day: **Let Us Not Grow Weary**

There is a humorous incident that Patsy Clairmont tells about in her book, *God Uses Cracked Pots*. It happened with her son, Jason:

She writes, "When he was 7, I sent him off to school one day and a little while later there was a knock at the door and I opened the door and it was Jason. I said, 'Jason, what are you doing here?'"

He said, "I've quit school!"

She said, "Why have you quit school?"

He said, "Well, it was too long, it was too hard, and it was too boring."

She said, "Jason, you have just described life, get back on the bus!"

There are times when that describes our lives to a tee -- it's long, it's hard and it's boring! The result can be that we get tired of doing what is good. After all, no one appreciates it anyway, sometimes it seems that we aren't really accomplishing anything, and it requires so much effort. It's so easy to "lose heart," grow weary and just want to quit.

In moments like that, remember these words of Paul:

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:9-10)

If you have grown weary, may you find the strength this day to renew your determination to continue to serve God!

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OBLIGATION

In the presence of Almighty God, I do, of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise and declare that:
 I will bear true allegiance -- to the Constitution of the United States of America -- and I will always be loyal thereto.

I do further solemnly promise and declare -- that I will comply with the Congressional Charter, By-Laws and Ritual of this order -- and I will always be loyal thereto -- that I will never wrong or defraud this organization -- nor a member thereof -- nor permit any wrong to be done to either -- if in my power to prevent it.

I will never propose for membership -- any person not eligible -- nor one whom I know to be unworthy.

I will never make known to anyone -- not authorized to receive it -- any of the work of this order.

Should my affiliation -- with the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States -- cease in any way -- I will consider this pledge -- as binding outside of the order -- as though I had remained a member of same.

All this I promise and pledge -- upon the honor of a true comrade -- and a citizen of our great republic.

Signed _____ Applicant

I have investigated the character and campaign medal service of the applicant and hereby endorse him/her as eligible and worthy of membership in the VFW.

Signed _____

Date _____ Member of Post No. _____

CERTIFICATION

Admission Fee paid \$ _____ Dues paid \$ _____

Date _____ 19 _____ LM Fee Paid \$ _____

(See Sec. 104 By-Laws)

The Investigating Committee has performed its duties and recommends _____ approval _____ rejection.

(Signatures of Committee Below)

Committee Member

Committee Member

Committee Member

Applicant Approved _____ Date _____ Obligated _____ Date _____



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ATTAINED AGE	LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES
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31 - 40	235.00
41 - 50	215.00
51 - 60	195.00
61 - 70	165.00
71 - 80	125.00
81 and over	85.00

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Membership Application - Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.

Date _____ \$ _____

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Application for Membership in Post No. _____

City and State _____

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Name (Type or Print) Last First Middle Post Membership No. _____

Present Address Street and No. City State Zip

Date of Birth SSN Tel. Home Bus. _____

Name of Campaign Ribbons or Medals Foreign Service: Date to Date Where _____

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I hereby apply for ☐ Annual ☐ Life Membership in VFW Post No. _____ located in City State _____

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I certify that I am a citizen of the United States, that my Campaign Service was honorable, that I have never subsequently been discharged from military service under dishonorable conditions. I further state that I believe in God. I further give authority to the Veterans of Foreign Wars to verify honorable overseas service entitling me to membership.

Date Signed _____

Signature of Applicant _____

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Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	NEWS	Start Time
0:00	AROUND THE HORN	TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO		48 HOURS	0:00
0:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION		BIOGRAPHY : - CARLOS SANTANA		0:30
1:00	SPORTSCENTER	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN		HEADLINE NEWS	1:00
1:30			EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	1:30
2:00	ROME IS BURNING	SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT	RUGRATS : - ANGELICA NOSE BEST/ PIRATE LIGHT	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	2:00
2:30			SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TV-7) : - JELLYFISH HUNTERS / THE FRY COOK GAMES	CBS EVENING NEWS	2:30
3:00	PRCA RODEO - PUYALLUP FAIR RODEO		THE SIMPSON : - MARGE SIMPSON IN: IN: SCREAMING YELLOW HONKER	THE NEWSHOUR	3:00
3:30			HOME IMPROVEMENT : - THIS JOKES FOR YOU		3:30
4:00	COLLEGE FOOTBALL - UNLV @ AIR FORCE	BORN YESTERDAY	STAR TREK: NEXT GENERATION : - I, BORG	HANNITY & COLMES	4:00
5:00			MAIL CALL	THE NEWS WITH BRIAN WILLIAMS	5:00
5:30			SURVIVING WEST POINT		5:30
6:00		HEADLINE NEWS	BATTLEFIELD: VIETNAM : - THE TET OFFENSIVE	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	6:00
6:30		ESPNEWS		NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	6:30
7:00	ESPNEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	THE PRACTICE : - PUBLIC SERVANTS	LARRY KING LIVE	7:00
7:25					7:25
7:30	BASEBALL TONIGHT	HEADLINE NEWS			7:30
8:00	ROME IS BURNING	SESAME STREET	BULLETS OVER BROADWAY	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	8:00
8:13					8:13
9:00	SPORTSCENTER	BOB THE BUILDER		PAULA ZAHN NOW	9:00
9:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE			9:30
10:00	NASCAR WINSTON CUP SERIES - DAW - GM QUALITY 500	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW : - WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?	RUGRATS : - ANGELICA NOSE BEST/ PIRATE LIGHT	NIGHTLINE	10:00
10:30			SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TV-7) : - JELLYFISH HUNTERS / THE FRY COOK GAMES	HEADLINE NEWS	10:30
11:00		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	THE SIMPSON : - MARGE SIMPSON IN: IN: SCREAMING YELLOW HONKER	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	11:00
11:25		GUIDING LIGHT			11:25
11:30			HOME IMPROVEMENT : - THIS JOKES FOR YOU		11:30
11:52					11:52
12:00			STAR TREK: NEXT GENERATION : - I, BORG	CNN DAYBREAK	12:00
12:13		GENERAL HOSPITAL			12:13
12:30					12:30
12:52					12:52
13:00		HEADLINE NEWS	MAIL CALL	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	13:00
13:30	BASEBALL TONIGHT	JUDGE JUDY	SURVIVING WEST POINT		13:30
14:00	SPORTSCENTER	TODAY	BATTLEFIELD: VIETNAM : - THE TET OFFENSIVE	GOOD MORNING AMERICA	14:00
15:00	MLB - NLCS GM 6: MARLINS @ CUBS (IF NECESSARY)	SYLVESTER & TWEETY MYSTERIES : - SON OF ROSWELL THAT ENDS WELL / A MYNAH PROBLEM	THE PRACTICE : - PUBLIC SERVANTS		15:00
16:00			BULLETS OVER BROADWAY	HEADLINE NEWS	16:00
16:22					16:22
16:30		I SPY		CHANNEL ONE	16:30
16:45				WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	16:45
17:00		SCOUTS SAFARI		THE EARLY SHOW	17:00
17:30		LIBERTY'S KIDS (EPS 14-26)			17:30
18:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY!	RUGRATS : - ANGELICA NOSE BEST/ PIRATE LIGHT		18:00
18:30		HEADLINE NEWS	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TV-7) : - JELLYFISH HUNTERS / THE FRY COOK GAMES		18:30
19:00	BASEBALL TONIGHT	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSON : - MARGE SIMPSON IN: IN: SCREAMING YELLOW HONKER	FOX NEWS LIVE	19:00
19:30	54321	HEADLINE NEWS	HOME IMPROVEMENT : - THIS JOKES FOR YOU		19:30
20:00	SPORTSCENTER	THE PARKERS : - HIGH HEELS AND VIDEOTAPES	STAR TREK: NEXT GENERATION : - I, BORG	FOX NEWS	20:00
20:30		CEDRIC THE ENTERTAINER : - EPISODE 7			20:30
20:45					20:45
21:00	NBA INSIDE STUFF	FEAR FACTOR : - HELICOPTER BOAT DRAG/ MECHANICAL BULL BUFFER/ WINDOW WASHER	MAIL CALL	FOX NEWS LIVE	21:00
21:30	TOTALLY NASCAR		SURVIVING WEST POINT		21:30
22:00	ESPNEWS	BOSTON PUBLIC : - CHAPTER SIXTY-ONE	BATTLEFIELD: VIETNAM : - THE TET OFFENSIVE	STUDIO B WITH SHEPARD SMITH	22:00
22:30	ESPNEWS				22:30
23:00	MLB - ALCS GM 6: RED SOX @ NY YANKEES (IF NECESSARY)	HEADLINE NEWS	THE PRACTICE : - PUBLIC SERVANTS	INSIDE POLITICS	23:00
23:30		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO		HEADLINE NEWS	23:30